they had not passed the Intermediate examination with Chemistry as one of the subjects. Though the Committee was prepared to consider their case for admission in the first year of the Four-year Integrated course, the candidates were not interested in being considered for admission to that course.

(c) For any interview connected with admissions to educational institutions, the candidates concerned are to appear at their own cost. Hence, the question of Government bearing the loss sustained by the candidates does not arise.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : May I know why the students were not informed that they were not eligible for the course before they came to the interview?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : That question could be decided by the Selection Committee only, and not by the Dean or the Principal or any other officer.

Agricultural Training Schools

* 2091 *Q.*—SRI V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN : கனம் உள்துறை அமைச்சர் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) விவசாயிகளுக்கான பயிற்சி பாடசாலைகளில் சேருவதற்கான தகுதி, திறமை என்ன?

(இ) விவசாய கூலிகளையும் அனுமதிக்க உத்தேசமுண்டா?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (அ) The following are the qualifications for admission to the Agricultural Schools :—

1. Practical experience in field work for a period of two years.

2. Should have passed at least 8th standard or third form.

3. Should not be less than 18 years old and not more than 30 years old.

4. Should be cultivating his own lands or be working as a farm labourer either in large farms or in lands belonging to Agricultural Institutions.

Preference will be given to small farmers owning their own land and to the cultivating tenants over landless agricultural labourers.

(இ) Yes, subject to the conditions mentioned in (அ) above.

Cashew development

* 2092 *Q.*—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to develop the cashew industries in the State and especially in Kanyakumari district?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : One Demonstration-*cum*-Training Centre on fruit preservation has been started in Poclampamlli in Barghur block of Krishnagiri and is functioning

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sucessfully. Training is also imparted by the trained staff at the Chemistry section of the Agricultural College and Research Institute, Coimbatore, in the preparation of several fruit products. A scheme formulated for the establishment of a demonstration-*cum*-training centre for the extraction of cashewnut oil and manufacture of syrup, jam, etc., from cashew appple, is under consideration of the Government.

Agricultural research station

* 2093 *Q.*—Sri V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN : கனம் உள்துறை அமைச்சர் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) நமது ராஜ்யத்தில் விவசாய ஆராய்ச்சி நிலையம் ஆரம்பிக்க உத்தேசமுண்டா?

(இ) எங்கே, எப்போது ஆரம்பிக்கப்படும்?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (அ) It is presumed that the information sought is in regard to the opening of new Agricultural Research Stations as Agricultural Research Stations are already existing in this State for a long time. Schemes for the establishment of two such stations are under the consideration of the Government. One is for the establishment of an Agricultural Experimental Station for the Ayacut area of the Amaravathi Project and the other is for the Ayacut area of the Parambikulam and Aliyar Project.

(இ) The location of the two Agricultural Experimental Stations has not yet been fixed. They will be started after their esablishment is approved by the Government.

Sri A. A. RASHEED : May I know the estimated cost of this Station, Sir?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I do not have the particulars about the estimated cost of the station. But, I may tell the hon. Member that for each of the Stations about 50 acres will be taken. If it is Government land, preference will be given to it and that would be taken and the demonstration would be encouraged.

Sri P. S. CHINNADURAI : இந்த விவசாய ஆராய்ச்சிச்சாலையோடு மண்வள ஆராய்ச்சிச்சாலையும் இணைந்ததாகயிருக்குமா என அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்.

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Yes, Sir. There will be a Soil Testing Unit attached to the Coimbatore Research Station.